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Mayor Healy to Ask Legislators to Consider Amendments to the NJ School Funding Formula to Ensure Jersey City Charter Schools Receive Full Funding

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** announced today that he will be asking the state legislators who represent Jersey City to consider amendments to the state school funding formula so that Jersey City charter schools can receive their fair share of funding.

According to the **NJ Charter School Act of 1995**, charter schools are supposed to receive 90 percent of what the local district schools spend per pupil. The Jersey City school district spends \$17,200 per child, but in many instances, charter schools in Jersey City are receiving less than \$10,00 per student, or only 50 to 60 percent of what state law requires.

The **Success for All School Funding Formal Act of 2007** is scheduled for review by the New Jersey Legislature in February, and at that time an amendment could be introduced that would require the state to fully fund charter schools.

“We received several dozen letters from parents of charter school students who noted the negative impact of not receiving the full amount of funding from the state for our charter schools,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We believe that charter schools are an important part of public education system and should receive the level of funding as set by state law.”

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